Employees in ordnance factories

1558. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of employees in ordnance factories of the country, as on the 31st March, 1989;

(b) what are the corresponding figures of these employees during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(c) the value of production of goods manufactured in these factories during the last financial year; and

(d) the value of production of goods manufactured in ordnance factories during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (d) The total number of employees in the Ordinance Factories during 1985-86 to 1988-89, excluding Defence Security Corps (DSC) and trainees, and the value of production in Ordnance Factories during the same period, is as under:—

Year	Total No. of employees in the Ordnance Factories as at the end of	Value of production in the Ordnance Factories
		(in Rs. crores)
1988-89	1,78,209	2200*
1987-88	1,79,412	1846
1986-87	1,81,763	1609
1985-86	1,84,306	1359

*The value of production for 1988-89 is approximate, subject to finalisation of annual accounts.

Delivery of VPP articles and insured parcels

1559. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of VPP articles and insured registered parcels handled by the postal department during the last three years, circle-wise;

(b) the total earnings of postal departthrough VPP articles and insured registered parcels during the same period, circle-wise; and

(c) the number of complaints received against non-delivery or late delivery of VPP articles and registered insured parcels, during the same period, circle-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The information regarding total number of VPP articles and Insured Registered Parcels handled by the Postal Deptt. during 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987.88—Circle wise is given in the Statement enclosed. [*See* Appenlix CLI, Annexure No. 102].

(b) Postal charges for VPP articles and insured regd. parcels are paid for in the shape of postage stamps. While information on Revenue earned through sale of postage stamps is maintained, no information on the postage stamps used for different postal services is maintained.